

**Town of Peru**  
**Select Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 17, 2023**

PRESENT: Arthur Clifford, Patrick Houghton, Gail Belyea, Jason Dolloff, Katie Lawrence, Jess Carrier, Dan Carrier Jr, Brad Hutchings, Lyndzi Dolloff, Jackie Child, Don Roach

1. Minutes:

- a. Minutes of the June 26, 2023, Selectboard Meeting:
  - **Arthur made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 26, 2023, Select Board Meeting. Gail seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, Katie and Jason abstained.**
- b. Minutes of the July 10, 2023, Selectboard Meeting:
  - **Katie made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 10, 2023, Select Board Meeting. Gail seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, Patrick abstained.**

2. Town Officials/Appointed Committee Members/Board Reports:

- a. Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings
  - Coparts will be coming to get the totaled 10-wheeler in the next couple days. DOT truck has still not been released to auction. Brad is waiting to hear back about delivery of medium-duty truck.
  - Road crew is currently working on Valley Road. Portions of the road will have to be closed as culverts are replaced.
  - General discussion was had regarding the portion of Gammon Road in disrepair from rainstorms May 1<sup>st</sup>. Road crew will fill in with gravel. May 1<sup>st</sup> storm was declared a FEMA event.
  - General discussion was had regarding Norm Miele's concerns of washouts on Burbank Road. Brad shared previous actions which the road crew has taken to improve road condition, also stated the mess at Burbank Rd/Green Woods Rd is from the state and their responsibility to clean up.
- b. Building Committee, Brad Hutchings
  - Drawings are not yet back from engineer. Water, septic, and drainage pipes are all installed, and foundation is ready for walls.
- c. Fire Department, Dan Carrier Jr
  - General discussion was had regarding Cost Recovery Program and placing article on ballot annually versus an ordinance. Consensus was to proceed with annual article.
  - Back tires on new firetruck need to be replaced to a more aggressive tire that works with spot chains, and still waiting on correct-size hose and strainers to come in.

3. Action Items:

- a. General discussion was had regarding the need for retroactive motion for payroll increases.
  - **Katie made a motion to approve wage increase of 8.7% for all employees, with the exception of Jess, who will receive 10% wage increase, and Brad, who will receive \$3.00 per hour wage increase, effective July 1, 2023. Jason seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, Gail opposed.**

4. Select Board Business:

- a. Unfinished Business:

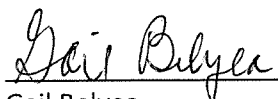
- General discussion was had regarding articles to be included on ballot for special town meeting, which will be held August 14, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the meeting room at town office. Katie will present draft articles to Deb for ballot to be drawn up for Board approval at next week's meeting.
  - General discussion was had regarding recent animal control issues. Ad for ACO has been placed in newspaper.
  - General discussion was had regarding workshops for updating policies and job descriptions. First policy workshop will be held July 31, 2023, at 5:00 pm.
  - General discussion was had regarding possible dates and activities to include for Summerfest. Consensus was to have it September 9, 2023, beginning at 5:00 pm and ending with an outdoor movie at 8:00 pm.
- b. New Business:
- General discussion was had regarding changing the format of meeting agenda, and including information packets for public. Consensus was to try new format next week.
5. Public Participation:
- a. **Arthur made a motion to enter Public Participation at 8:46 pm. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.**
- Discussions included Cost Recovery Program being specifically for Fire & EMS; basketball hoops at playground; tax base for marijuana businesses.
- b. **Arthur made a motion to come out of Public Participation at 9:02 pm. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.**
6. Adjournment: **Jason made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.**

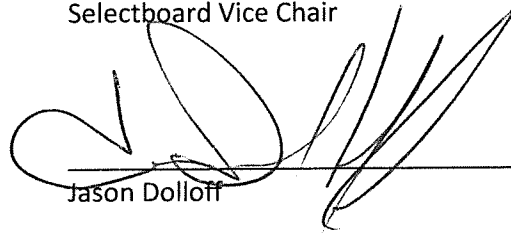
Public Participation: The Town of Peru Ordinance "OPEN TO THE PUBLIC" Sessions enacted by the townspeople on January 19, 2013, is in full force and effect. There will be one "Open to the Public" segment near the end of the Board meeting. This segment is limited to twenty minutes, to allow for the public to ask questions, make comments or express concerns during that portion of the meeting. The Board may or may not respond at that time. Complaints or criticism regarding any Town employee should be put in writing and directed to the Department Head or Chairperson of the Board. The Board will not engage in any discussion of an employee, Town Official or Citizen without that person first having adequate knowledge and having the right to be present at such a meeting and be accurately represented. Copies of the Ordinance are available from the Secretary.

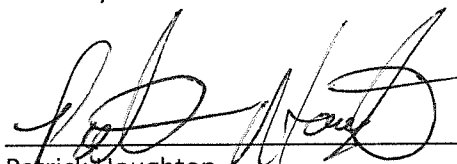
**Select Board Meeting: Monday, July 24, 2023, at 6:00 pm**

  
 Kathryn Lawrence  
 Selectboard Chair  
 Date 7/24/23

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 Arthur Clifford  
 Selectboard Vice Chair  
 Date

  
 Gail Belyea  
 Date 7/24/23

  
 Jason Dolloff  
 Date 7-24-23

  
 Patrick Houghton  
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